

In that paper under the heading "Incidents of the Campaign," Mr. Parnell said: "Was that the way to put these murders and outrages before the people of Ireland? Silent still, and silent when Mr. Forster clung to the United Ireland bill, and when Mr. Parnell and Mr. McCarthy are the proprietors of the paper—Mr. Parnell one of the largest. Silent also while Mr. Forster challenged him to disprove the statement shown by statistics that outrages have followed the meetings and actions of the Land League."

"Then," said Mr. Forster, "I have simply to repeat what is the charge I make against the number for Cork. Probably a more serious charge—this is Mr. Forster's language—was never made by any member of this House against another member; not that he himself directly planned or perpetrated outrages or murders, but that he either connived at their."

"It is a lie," shrieked Mr. Parnell. "It is a lie," repeated Mr. O'Kelly, and by way of drawing the Speaker on himself, repeated it three times. Mr. Parnell's declaration does not seem to have reached the Speaker though it was heard plainly enough in the gallery beyond him. Mr. O'Kelly having been suspended by vote of the House (305 to 29) for seven days, Mr. Forster recommenced and finished his denunciation.

What I stated, though honorable members did not permit me to finish my sentence, was that I did not charge the honorable member for Cork with having directly planned or perpetrated outrages, but I gave him an alternative, that he either connived at them or connived at them in ignorance, that he took no trouble to root out the outrages, that he was willing to give the advantage of them.

No irreparable disclaimer of connection with outrages, urged Mr. Forster, will be sufficient. There have been disclaimers, such as they were, before now. Mr. Parnell's method of disconnecting himself with the actual perpetration of murder is known. There had been a murder in Kilkenny, and the leader of the Land League spoke shortly after near the scene of it. What did he say? He said it was "entirely unnecessary." That is the way in which he has discouraged and discredited assassination. But that is not the answer which will satisfy the House of Commons that Mr. Parnell knew nothing of the outrages and the system of terror, the profit of which he accepted. Boycott him, he openly advocated, and with which, like any other creed, requires a sanction, and its sanction, that which stands in the rear of boycotting is murder, which is not to be denounced." Was Mr. Parnell, and he alone, so ignorant of the passions of his fellow-countrymen as not to know that murder must have been, as it was, the result of his policy of boycotting?

Will any Mr. Forster say that never has there been such an attack on liberty as this Land League terrorism over Ireland. Never, till Mr. Parnell devised the system, has agitation in Ireland been conducted by appeals for personal injury to individuals. Is it a wonder that to agrarian assassination political assassination succeeds? Even in Ireland abhorrence of the system is spreading. It is too much to say that there is no ground for discouragement in Ireland. The day of delusions is over. But there are two grounds for hope, declares Mr. Forster in his conclusion. One is that the Irish Government has now the power to uphold the law, and will use it. The other is that Mr. Parnell and his fellow chiefs in this so-called agitation have been found out, and the cruelty and wickedness of this agitation have been unveiled, unmasked, and forever exposed.

Under this torrent of intolerable reproaches, the leader of the Irish Land League clung still to his bench. Taunted by Lord Hartington a little later with his silence, he professed to have meant to allow to move the adjournment of the debate—a formality which confers on the mover the right to resume the debate next day. "But unless I had risen," he retorted Lord Hartington, "the debate would have collapsed and the question been put." We shall see to-morrow how much Mr. Parnell's late resolution to speak will bring forth. Meantime it is to be said that nothing short of a full, complete, frank statement, supported by convincing proofs, on the whole subject will avail to break the tremendous force of Mr. Forster's attack. I ought to give a brief summary of other parts of this speech—the Kilkenny part above all, but I have no space. I may add that at the time Mr. Forster made no vindication. Then and since, he acted with loyalty, with true courage, and with a knowledge of the facts about Ireland, and a sure view of the future which all that has happened since has abundantly justified.

G. W. S.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

STEINWAY HALL—JOSEFFY.

Mr. Joseffy's fourth and last concert last evening was attended by a large audience. This was the programme:

Programme: Overture, "The Merry Widow," W. A. Mozart.

Interlude: Invocation of the Alps—M. J. Joseffy.

Piano solo—M. J. Joseffy.

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